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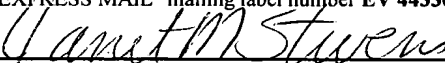
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NUCLEIC ACID IN A SAMPLE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.